

From the Upper Chamber



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Report for Thursday, January 11, 2007

The fourth day of the 2007 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Casey Cagle**.

Senator **Don Thomas** of the 54th stated that the journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 9 and 22-24, and Senate Resolutions 4 and 30 were then read for the first time and assigned to committees.

Following the morning roll call, Lt. Gov. **Cagle** recognized Sen. **Valencia Seay** of the 34th, who led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Reverend **Rhys Stenner** of New Hope Baptist Church in Fayetteville, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** then recognized Sen. **Horacena Tate** of the 38th, who introduced the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Benedict Benigho** of Atlanta.

There were no unanimous consents.

Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19th took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to talk about GeorgiaSpeaks.com, which is a new website that will allow Georgia citizens the opportunity to present their ideas to their state Senators for new legislation.

Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to discuss legislation regarding a local referendum for the sale of beer and wine on Sunday.

Sen. **Ross Tolleson** of the 20th took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to speak about a proposed grant program to establish alternative fuel pumps across the state.

Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7th took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to invite Senators to a meeting on the issue of the Certificate of Need (CON) on Tuesday, January 16, at the Carl Sanders Education Center.

Sen. **Eric Johnson** of the 1st took the well to remind Senate members that several Georgia troops were deployed today for Iraq, and to keep those Georgians who are overseas in their thoughts.

Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37th took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to invite Senate members to a breakfast for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) on Tuesday, January 22.

Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18th took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to speak about the final report issued by the Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee. Sen. **Staton** encouraged Senators to support the establishment of a state trauma care system.

SR 32 was read and adopted.

Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52nd took the well to speak to the resolution, recognizing students from the Leadership Rome program.

SR 27-29 and 31-33 were read and adopted.

Sen. **Jack Hill** of the 4th took the well for a quick announcement on next week's Appropriations hearings.

Following further announcements, Majority Leader **Williams** of the 19th then moved that pursuant to House Resolution 11, the Senate stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 22.

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